



State of California
The Natural Resources Agency
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	Leggett Forest Fire Station Hazard Tree Removal		
PROJECT LOCATION	CAL FIRE Leggett Forest Fire Station grounds, approximately 1.1-miles north of the town of Leggett, California, along U.S Hwy 101. Legal Description: E 1/2 of Sec. 3; T23N, R17W; MDB & M	COUNTY	Mendocino
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project involves the felling and removal of individual hazard trees located throughout the CAL FIRE Leggett Forest Fire Station property. Several of the trees currently pose a hazard to life safety due to bole rot and winter storm damage that has compromised the integrity of overhead canopy. Others are damaging infrastructure through pavement/concrete root system intrusion and/or canopy encroachment over buildings. Organic debris created from the tree felling will either be chipped and distributed on site or else will be hand-piled and burned during the winter period. No heavy equipment will be used for this project. The trees are interspersed throughout the fire station envelope of buildings, paved & graveled parking areas, hiking paths, & associated infrastructure.

EXEMPTION STATUS

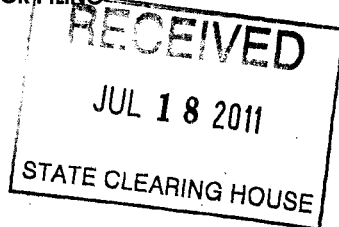
- ☒ Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 4; 15304 Minor Alterations to Land
☐ Statutory Exemption (state code section):
☐ Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
☐ Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
☐ Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

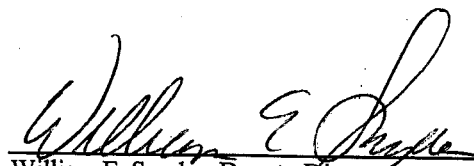
REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

The proposed project will not have a significant effect on the environment. The removal of individual hazard trees will result in only minor vegetation and soil disturbance. The California Natural Diversity Data Base (CNDDB) was searched and no rare, threatened or endangered plant or animal species were identified that will be negatively impacted by this project. The CAL FIRE Area Archaeologist has been consulted and has determined that this project is exempt from further archaeological review.

Field review by CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. The Department has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland/timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation/traffic, or to utilities and service systems. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at CAL FIRE Mendocino Unit, Resource Management, 17501 N. Highway 101, Willits, CA 95490, Attn. Environmental Coordinator.

DATE RECEIVED FOR FILING




William E. Snyder, Deputy Director Date 7/18/11
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